

POULTRY

In 2001, Minnesota turkey growers ranked first in turkeys raised and second in pounds produced. Minnesota raised 44.0 million turkeys, up 1% from 2000. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.10 billion pounds, up 4% from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2001 was 35 cents per pound, up 1 cent from 2000. The value of the state's turkey production in 2001 was up 7% to \$385.0 million.

During 2001, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 103.6 million turkey poults, up 5% from 2000.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2001, was down slightly from the previous year at 15.8 million birds. The state's egg production in 2001 was 3.11 billion eggs, down 5% from 2000. The value of eggs produced was down 3% in 2001 to \$112.8 million. The all-egg price increased to 43.5 cents per dozen. The annual average number of layers on farms was down 2% at 12.2 million.

Value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) fell 53% to \$21,000.

In 2001, the number of broilers produced was down 1% at 43.9 million. From 2000 to 2001, value of production increased 17% to \$85.6 million. The annual average price per pound increased to 39.0 cents per pound.

Hatchery production of egg-type chicks decreased 6% to 19.0 million in 2001. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.

